

17. A needle for insertion into a spine, the spine having a dura mater and a cerebrospinal fluid filled space below the dura matter, said needle comprising:

an elongated hollow needle having a lumen,

a side port, said side port being an opening from said lumen to the outside of said needle, said side port occupying a sufficiently small distance along the axial length of said needle such that said needle can be inserted into the spine with said side port located in said cerebrospinal space but not transecting the dura mater.

18. A needle as in Claim 16, in which said side port is located along the axial length of said needle such that said needle can be inserted into the spine with said side port located in said cerebrospinal space but not overlapping the dura mater.

19. A needle as in Claim 17, in which said side port is located along the axial length of said needle such that said needle can be inserted into the spine with said side port located in said cerebrospinal space but not transecting the dura mater.

20. A needle for insertion into a spine, the spine having a dura mater and a cerebrospinal fluid filled space below the dura matter, said needle comprising:

an elongated hollow needle having a lumen,

a side port, said side port being an opening from said lumen to the outside of said needle, said side port being located along the axial length of said needle such that said needle can be inserted into the spine with said side port located in said cerebrospinal space but not overlapping the dura mater.

21. A needle as in Claim 20, in which said side port occupies a sufficiently small distance along said axial length such that said needle can be inserted into the spine with said side port located in said cerebrospinal space but not overlapping the dura mater.

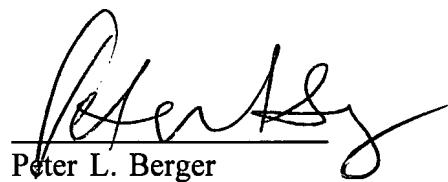
22. A needle as in Claim 20, in which said side port occupies a sufficiently small distance along said axial length such that said needle can be inserted into the spine with said side port located in said cerebrospinal space but not transecting the dura mater.

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered into the file of this case. No new matter has been added.

An associate Power of Attorney is being filed herewith directing all correspondence to be forwarded to the undersigned attorney.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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